(b) whether it is a fact that there have been sharp differences between the Soviet Union Engineers and U.P. Government P.W.D. Engineers on the construction of the project;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Government had, in November, 1986, decided to implement the Tehri Hydro Power Complex (2400 MW), which includes Tehri Dam Project, as a joint venture of the Government of India and the Government of Uttar Pradesh, and to seek Soviet technical and financial assistance for the same. There has been no change in this decision.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The project is expected to be completed by June 1997.

Payment made by M/s Sumitomo Corporation of Japan to M/s Jyotsna Holding Limited

628. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 93 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th July, 1989 and state;

(a) what is the outcome of the inquiry made by ONGC about payments made by M/s. Sumitomo Corporation to M/s. Jyotsna Holding Limited with reference to conditions in the tender documents in respect of an ONGC contract;

(b) what follow up action has been taken so far and with what results; and

(c) what further action has been taken on the basis of the legal advice obtained by ONGC in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) to (c) According to the legal opinion obtained by the ONGC from the then First Additional Solicitor General of India, the remuneration paid by M/s. Sumitomo Corpn. to M/s. Jyotsna Holdings Ltd. is in violation of Clause 31 of the Tender conditions. He has further opined that action can be taken by not giving further business of ONGC to the consortium of Japanese Firms which functioned under the name of M/s Sumitomo Corporation. ONGC have been instructed to take action accordingly. ONGC have also been advised to take recourse to arbitration or to file a suit for appropriate relief. ONGC has initiated action in this regard.

All Public Sector Undertakings under this Ministry have also been advised that no further business should be given to the Consortium of the Japanese firms and its constituents which functioned in the name of M/s. Sumitomo Corporation.

Submission of Audit reports of Joint stock companies to Parliament

629. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the audit reports of the joint stock companies submitted to Government are periodically presented to Parliament; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to make compulsory for